



# C O V E N A N T

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom*

### Order of Worship — 14 June 2015

**Theme for the Year: “Out of Myself and into the Savior” (Ezekiel 14:4-6)**

Prelude	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>
Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymn	18 - <i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 113
Hymn	TP 113
Tithes & Offering	
*† <i>Doxology &amp; Offertory Prayer</i>	
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 10:19-25
Hymn	294 - <i>Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	“Our Redemption - Our Response”
*Closing Hymn	228 - <i>My Faith Has Found a Resting Place</i>
*Benediction & † <i>Threefold Amen</i>	
Silent Prayer & Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>
Announcements	† <i>Inside cover of hymnal</i>

\*Congregation standing

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## **Dealing with Changes Biblically**

We all experience change. In 1 hour, 500 thousand cells will die and be replaced. Change is natural and good.

And God brings change so that we would not remain stagnant. A life lost, a new job, a sickness, a new relationship, all come from God to change us.

So how do we deal with change? Do we get angry, retreat, or become so elated that we forget God?

We learn to deal with change from Daniel. In 605 BC, King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem. Daniel and his three friends were taken captive.

Things changed for them. Yet in that change, they did three things.

### *In Times of Change, Look to God*

When things change, don't look at our circumstances. This gives us a narrow perspective. But when we look to God, we get a biblical perspective.

When they were ripped from their homes, they may not have understood why the change took place. But they knew that God was in control. This is why, when they were given the king's meat, chose instead not to defile themselves (Daniel 1:8).

Nebuchadnezzar knew the importance of indoctrination. He changed their names to Babylonian ones. A person's name and situation change his conduct. Despite these changes, they looked to God and remained steadfast.

### *In Times of Change, Live Out Your Faith*

Just because things change, your faith doesn't need to. Those who have disappointments in life may start blaming God.

Those who have success in life may forget God. Couples who break up may start attending different churches.

But changes don't need to change your faith. Daniel and his friends were ripped away from godly influences. Just imagine the peer pressure.

Yet, we learn that he "*purposed in his heart not to defile himself.*" He was committed to keeping himself pure before God. He was steadfast in his convictions and he was not going to compromise his faith.

He lived out his faith by resisting temptation. But he also lived out his faith by trusting God. He went to the guard and asked to be given only pulses and vegetables.

God was able to work in the lives of even those who didn't believe in him. He moved the guard to show favour to Daniel and his three friends. This was a miracle. The guard would've been afraid of King Nebuchadnezzar.

Everyone had reason to fear the king. But it was nothing to God to change the guard's heart. This would have seemed an impossibility to ordinary men. But Daniel's faith was unwavering - he knew that God would honour his faithfulness.

And at the end of 10 days, Daniel and his friends were better nourished than the rest.

### *In Times of Change, Hope in God*

Daniel fully expected God to honour his faith. He expected God to work in his life and his friends' lives. He expected God to deliver them from their circumstances he just did not know how God was going to do it.

Remember that God was the one who delivered them into the hands of the Babylonians.

And God was preparing them for the service he had called them to. He was preparing them for the future.

Every change in life we go through, God has a lesson. But if we don't learn from these lessons, we experience the same issues again and again.

Why did God place them in those situations? Daniel 1:17 says, "As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom."

God gave them the opportunity to learn, the ability to learn, and the tools to learn with. God was preparing to elevate them to positions of leadership so that they could bring glory to God.

As you encounter trials and changes, remember that God is preparing you for the future. He is trying to draw you closer to Him so that you will trust in Him and lean on Him rather than your own strengths and abilities.

We also expect that God will carry out his plan. Remember that passage - "*he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*" God's plans don't occur over night.

Changes, especially disappointing changes, have a purpose. The final

outcome, we may not know, but the change leads to that.

Daniel and his friends spent about 3 years being trained. At the end of the 3 years the King questioned them and found that among all the young men was none like Daniel and his three friends.

#### Reflection

Do you have a sickness? A personal loss? Or might it be some success? Are you dealing with these changes biblically?

God did exceedingly abundantly more than could have been asked or imagined in the lives of these 4 Israelites. He is able to do exceeding abundantly more than you or I are able to imagine in our lives as well.

When a teabag is immersed in hot water, the contents infuse the water. As the changes of life and circumstances press on us, people can see what is inside of us. If we look to God, live out our faith, and hope in God, people can see our confidence, moral courage, and maturity. ~ Pastor



## Westminster Confession of Faith XXIX - Of the Lord's Supper

3. The Lord Jesus hath, in this ordinance, appointed His ministers to declare His word of institution to the people; to pray, and bless the elements of bread and wine, and thereby to set them apart from a common to an holy use; and to take and break the bread, to take the cup, and (they communicating also themselves) to give both to the communicants;<sup>1</sup> but to none who are not then present in the congregation.<sup>2</sup>
4. Private masses, or receiving this sacrament by a priest, or any other, alone;<sup>3</sup> as likewise, the denial of the cup to the people,<sup>4</sup> worshipping the elements, the lifting them up, or carrying them about, for adoration, and the reserving them for any pretended religious use; are all contrary to the nature of this sacrament, and to the institution of Christ.<sup>5</sup>

1. Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

2. Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:20.

3. 1 Corinthians 10:16.

4. Mark 14:23; 1 Corinthians 11:25-29.

5. Matthew 15:9.

# Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (14.6.15)	Next Week (21.6.15)
Speaker	Jim Gibbon	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Chris Budiman	Johnson Lim
Pianist	Eugene Lim	Nancy Lim
Welcomers	Kim & Jesslyn Leow	Micah & Hannah Chiang
Offering Stewards	Kim Leow, Yen Fye Yap	David Pang, Jansen Ng
Usher	Jesslyn Leow	Angela Yap
Kitchen Duties	Aliza Chiu*, Mary-Anne Chan, Ken Hong	May Poon*, Lisa Lim, Nancy Lim
Prayer Meeting	17 June 2015	24 June 2015
Speaker	Raymond Woo	Mark Chen
Chairperson	Ken Chong	SK Loh
Pianist	Wendy Gong	Eugene Lim

## Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshipers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship and tea.
2. Next week's message: "Rest - Not of Joshua, but of Jesus" (Hebrews 4:1-10).
3. Adult Bible Class will start again next Lord's Day.
4. Pastor will be overseas for ministry from 5 to 19 June 2015. Worshipers who require pastoral care can call on Mr Philip Gardiner at 0459 693 339.
5. From 10 July 2015, Prayer Meeting will shift to Fridays at 7:45 pm.
6. Visitors who require an application form for church membership may obtain one from Terence Lee or from Pastor.

Appointments for the Week		Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
WED 7:45 pm	Prayer Meeting - Psalm 114	
<b>General Fund - \$3,394.10. Missions Fund - \$480.00 (#480 - \$100.00). Building Fund - \$4,785.00 (#236 - \$1,500.00, #237 - \$60.00, #238 - \$3,225.00). Total Tithes &amp; Offering - \$8,659.10. Attendance - 139.</b>		
FRI 7:45 pm	JF and Parents' Group	
SAT 4:30 pm	YPG	
SUN 2:00 pm	Adult Bible Class & Catechism	
3:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School	
<b>Building Fund to Date</b>		
Starting Fund	\$54,185.68	Building Fund Account:
Pledges Collected	\$32,160.00	Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church
Non-Pledged Gifts	\$58,215.00	(Westpac Bank, Applecross)
Total Building Fund	\$144,560.68	BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969
Outstanding Pledges	\$338,360.00	SWIFT: WPACAU2S

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